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### **Tina Tilley Appointed New Appalachian District Ranger**

Tina Tilley recently became the ranger at Pisgah National Forests Appalachian Ranger District.

Tilley replaces Paul Bradley, who now serves as the deputy forest supervisor of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests in Gainesville, Ga.

Tilley advanced from deputy district ranger at Georgia's Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest's Blue Ridge Ranger District to take the ranger's position at the Appalachian Ranger District. Operating out of the Burnsville district office, Tilley will administer more than 150,000 acres of national forest land spread across Mitchell, Avery, Yancey, Haywood, Madison and Buncombe counties.

This land encompasses a range of terrain, from the open expanses of Max Patch to the sea of rhododendrons on Roan Mountain and whitewater rides of the Nolichucky River to land crossed by the Appalachian Trail.

"The Appalachian District's land is so spread out," said Tilley, a forestry graduate of University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn. "But I'm pretty familiar with the lay of this land, because northern Georgia's land is quite similar."

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In addition to getting familiar with the district's landscape, the ranger said she is getting acquainted with the people that live within or near the Appalachian Ranger District. "My aim is to build relationships with the people in the community. I want to work with people, be open and discuss things," said Tilley, who established a local chapter for Habitat for Humanity when she lived in Winnfield, La.

"I want to build partnerships, so we can work together and improve the management of the area's resources," said the 21-year Forest Service veteran, who served five years as the Southern Region's special uses coordinator and five years as a resource specialist.

Building partnerships is the type of work the ranger enjoys. "I'm fortunate to have a job that I love to do," Tilley said.

The Knoxville native started her Forest Service career at Virginia's George Washington National Forest. She served at the Lee Ranger District as a recreation technician for two years and a forester trainee for three years.

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